

R E P O R T

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of the

Medical Officer of Health for the Borough of Shaftesbury for the
Year ending 31st December 1937.

Mr. Mayor,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Annual Report for 1937 is drawn up in accordance
with the circular issued to Medical Officers by the Ministry of
Health.

Section A. Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area (in acres) 1078.

Registrar General's estimate of resident population mid-1937

Number of inhabited houses (end 1937) according to Rate book
3069
918

Ratesable value £17,883.

Sum represented by a penny rate £70. 8. 9.

The chief industry of the Borough is agriculture.

There is only a very small amount of unemployment.

Extracts from vital statistics of the year.

<u>Live Births.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	Birth rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population.
Legitimate	46	23	22	14.9.
Illegitimate			1.	
<u>Still Births</u>	3	2	1	do. 15.9 total (live & still)
<u>Deaths</u>	34	16	18	Death do. 11.0

Deaths from puerperal causes - nil

Death rate of infants under one year:-

All infants per 1,000 live births

nil

Legitimate infants per 1,000 live births

nil

Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births

nil

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)

7

" " Measles (all ages)

nil

" " Whooping cough (all ages)

nil

" " Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)

nil

Section B General provision of Health Services
for the area

Medical Officer John Myles Caie.

Borough Surveyor &

Sanitary Inspector

John Partridge Jenkins.

Laboratory Facilities

No change.

Ambulance facilities

The Ambulance is giving efficient and
comfortable service.

Nursing in the Home

No change.

Treatment centres and

clinics

No change.

Hospitals

No change.

Section C. Sanitary circumstances of the area.

1. (1) Water. No change.

(2) Drainage & Sewerage. No change.

2. Rivers & Streams

There are no rivers in the area and only a few small streams.

3. (1) Closet accommodation.

1008 Water Closets
46 Buckets & Pans
(6 connected to water carriage system during year)
120 Privy Middens.

(2) Public Cleansing

No change.

(3) Sanitary Inspections of the area

Number of Inspections	51
No. of informal notices	7
No. complied with	7
No. of Statutory notices	none
No. complied with	none

(4) Shops During the year 27 inspections were carried out of factories, workshops and workplaces.

Inspections. Notices. Prosecutions.

Factories, including factory Laundries	8	-	None
Workshops, including workshop Laundries	17	-	none
Workplaces, other than outworkers premises	2	-	none
Total	27	-	

Defects found.	Found.	Remedied.	Referred to H.M. Inspr.	Prosecutions.
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Want of Cleanliness & Ventilation	3	3	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-
Want of drainage of floors	-	-	-	-
Other nuisances	-	-	-	-
Sanitary accommdn. Insufficient	1	1	-	-
Defective	2	2	-	-
not separate	-	-	-	-
Illegal occupation of underground bakehouse	-	-	-	-
Other offences	-	-	-	-
	6	6	-	-

Smoke abatement

No change.

Swimming Baths

Owned by Council. Water changed frequently.

Eradication of Bed bugs

None.

Schools

All Schools have water laid on.

Section D. Housing.

1. Inspection of Dwellinghouses during the Year.

1.	a.	Total No. of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	31
	b.	No. of inspections made for the purpose	47
2.	a.	No. of dwellinghouses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925	17
	b.	No. of inspections made for the purpose	20
3.		No. of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	5
4.		No. of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceeding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	10

2. Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of Formal Notices.

No. of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers . . .	7
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3. Action under Statutory Powers during the Year.

a.	Proceedings under sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.	
1.	No. of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs . . .	10
2.	No. of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-	
	a. By owners	7
	b. By Local Authority in default of owners	None
b.	Proceedings under Public Health Acts.	
1.	No. of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	8
2.	No. of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-	
	a. By owners	1
	b. By Local Authority in default of owners	None
c.	Proceedings under sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936.	
1.	No. of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	None
	Undertakings as to future user accepted	One
2.	No. of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	None
d.	Proceedings under section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.	
1.	No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	None
2.	No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	None

4. Housing Act, 1936 - Part IV. - Overcrowding.

a.	1.	No. of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	12
	2.	No. of families dwelling therein	13
	3.	No. of persons dwelling therein	50
b.		No. of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	1
c.	1.	No. of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	2
	2.	No. of persons concerned in such cases	14

- d. Particulars of any cases in which dwellin -
houses have again become overcrowded after
the Local Authority have taken steps for the
abatement of overcrowding

None

The erection of 12 new Council houses was put in hand
during 1937.

Section E.

(a) Milk Supply.

The number of Dairy farms and other dairy premises on the
register at end of 1937 was 22
Number of Dairy Farms inspected during the year 15
Number of inspections made 30
3 notices were served and all were complied with
Number of Milk shops inspected 2
Number of inspections made 4
No notices served.

Samples of milk were taken regularly by the Police.

(b) Meat and other foods.

The following were samples taken in the District during 1937.
1 each of Cheese, Chocolate Roll, Brawn, and ammoniated tincture
of Quinine. 7 of Milk. All were found to be genuine.
Chemical and Bacteriological Examination of food by County Council.

Section F.

Prevalence of and control over Infectious & other Diseases.

The only infectious disease on any scale was Scarlet Fever. There
were 27 such cases with one death. 19 were removed to Blandford
Isolation Hospital. As soon as a case was reported the Patient
was removed to Blandford and the house etc. disinfected.
Cases returning from Blandford were inspected and susceptible
members of the family isolated for 10 to 14 days.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during 1937.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Admitted to Hospital</u>	<u>Deaths</u>
Small Pox	nil		
Scarlet fever			
age 1 to 2	2		
2 to 3	-		
3 to 4	5		
4 to 5	2		
5 to 10	10		
10 to 15	1		
15 to 20	1		
20 to 35	2		
35 to 45	2		
over 45	2	19	1
Diphtheria	nil		
Enteric Fever & Paratyphoid	nil		
Puerperal fever	nil		
Puerperal Pyrexia	nil		
Pneumonia	1		

Prevention of Blindness. No case of Ophthalmic Neonatorum reported
during the year.

Tuberculosis Very little Tuberculosis in the Borough
no case being reported in anyone in the
milk trade

Tuberculosis new cases and Mortality for 1937

One. Male. Age between 25 & 35 years. Respiratory. Died.
" " " " 55 & 65 " " "

Total deaths 2. There were no non-notified Tuberculosis deaths.

I beg to remain
Ladies and Gentlemen
Your obedient Servant

J. MYLES CAIE
Medical Officer of Health, Shaftesbury Borough.

